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CAB Recognizes Volunteers

2009 Octavius Morgan Distinguished Service Awards

Named after the first president of the California Architects Board, the Octavius Morgan Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals who have significantly contributed to the Board's mission through their volunteerism over a period of time.

"The efforts of our volunteers are key to our goal, which is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public through the regulation of the practice of architecture in California," said Board President Iris Cochlan.

Nominations for the awards are selected by Board members and staff annually.

Following are the profiles for the 2009 winners:

Richard Cooling

For Richard Cooling, artistry runs in the family. The son of an architecture graduate turned water color artist, Cooling discovered a love and talent for pencil sketching and drawing in junior high school and turned them into a successful career in architecture spanning more than 46 years.

After graduation from the University of Southern California's School of Architecture, he launched his own practice. That was in 1964. Since then, he's built a career encompassing projects that run the gamut from churches to schools to steel mills.

He has been dedicated to serving the Board and the California Supplemental Examination (CSE), participating in all three Southern California administrations each year, as well as many of the Northern California administrations. His extensive knowledge of architecture and examination administration procedures makes him an outstanding trainer and mentor to his fellow commissioners. His volunteerism includes serving as a CSE Commissioner and Master Commissioner, as well as a participant on the Master Commissioner Review



Richard Cooling



Richard H. Dodd



Morris Gee



Larry Segrue

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President's Message

By Iris Cochlan, Board President 2010

The Board's relationship with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has always been invaluable. It has not, however, always been positive.

The Board receives a number of critical services and programs from NCARB. First and foremost, we utilize NCARB's national examination, the Architect Registration Examination (ARE). It is available at approximately 20 centers throughout California and administered on computers at a network of test centers across the United States, its territories, and Canada. Using this examination ensures that candidates can apply their scores in any state and have portability for licensure purposes.

In addition, as of 2005, the Board requires NCARB's Intern Development Program (IDP). While the Board has historically voiced concerns about IDP, recent changes represented in IDP 2.0 are major steps forward. In fact, the Board is very enthusiastic about both the mapping of IDP to the ARE Test Plan, as well as the emphasis on reviewing work product with interns in the IDP Supervisors Guidelines.

Evidence of how far the Board has come in bolstering our relationship with NCARB was displayed at this year's Annual Meeting and Conference and the election of our own Jon Baker to the NCARB Board of Directors as our representative from Region VI. Jon has proven to be a quick study on national issues, particularly on the examination. We look forward to supporting Jon's efforts on the NCARB Board of Directors and continuing to enhance our relationship with our national association.

The Board is making strides on a couple of monumental ventures. First, it is transitioning its examination, the California Supplemental Examination, to a computer-based multiple-choice examination. In addition, the Board is considering the improvements to IDP and how they relate to its overlay evidence-based system, Comprehensive IDP.

As we progress through our work on these initiatives, NCARB's support and assistance will be important. Working together we can help advance quality standards and reciprocity to the benefit of consumers, architects, candidates, and the public health, safety, and welfare.

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New CSE in 2011

In February 2011, the California Supplemental Examination (CSE) will be transitioning from an oral examination to a computer-delivered written examination.

CSE Content

The new examination will continue to be based on the most recent Test Plan (2007). Therefore, all items on the Board's list of CSE reference materials will remain the same; however, if necessary, new items may be added to the list as development of the new examination continues. Candidates are encouraged to regularly review the Board's Web site at www.cab.ca.gov for any new information.

The new examination will consist of approximately 125 multiple-choice questions and will be administered via computer. A time limit of 3.5 hours will be given to complete the examination.

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2009 Octavius Morgan Awards

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and a grader for the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) and California.

"This has been a good profession for me," Cooling says. "I want to give back for what architecture has done for me." Although all the volunteer time requires long hours and extensive travel, it also allows him to see many friends in the field and have a hand in ensuring that only qualified individuals receive licensure.

"The exam process is very involved—it has got to be," he says. "You are going to design buildings that need to remain standing after an earthquake, and you have got to be able to handle all the nuances that could come up when designing any kind of structure." Having lived through the devastating Long Beach earthquake in 1933, Cooling has a strong interest in seismic engineering and its emphasis on the exam.

His firm, Richard L. Cooling, Architect, in Newport Beach, focuses on single family residences and remodels, working in tandem with his son, who is a contractor.

Richard H. Dodd

In high school, Richard Dodd had a summer job working on a concrete crew for his dad, who was a general contractor. When a draftsman didn't show up for several days, his dad asked him to finish drawing a house, which he did. The task spawned a lifelong passion for architecture.

He studied architecture in both high school and junior college, and later graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Architecture in 1953. In 1961, he founded Richard H. Dodd & Associates in Newport Beach, which specializes in custom residential projects.

In addition to being in business for 49 years (his firm is recognized as one of the longest ongoing architectural firms in Orange County), he counts among his accomplishments having designed

many homes with creative solutions to meet the needs of many individual families.

Dodd began volunteering with the CSE process in the 1970s as a grader for the design exams. In the mid-80s, he became a Commissioner administering the CSE, and later, a Master Commissioner. He continues to serve on several committees.

"This involvement has allowed me to meet many dedicated architects, Board members, and staff members, and I've found it to be rewarding in several ways," he says. "I find great pride in the participation of producing qualified architects, and I feel it has allowed me to give back to the profession."

Dodd has dedicated more than 24 years to participating in the continuous improvement of the supplemental examination, and has contributed thousands of hours of volunteer time to exam activities. Each year, he recruits many fellow architects to participate in the examination administrations. "I am continually learning by the process and interaction with other commissioners," he says. "The examination process is fair and continually evolving to maintain its relevance. I am proud to be involved and honored to receive the Octavius Morgan Distinguished Service Award." His involvement includes serving as: CSE Commissioner; Master Commissioner; CSE Item Writing Committee member; CSE Standard Setting Committee member; CSE Commissioner Review member, and CSE Test Plan member, and NCARB and the Board grader.

His volunteerism and devotion to educating others on architecture doesn't stop with the Board. In addition, he's written for *Orange County Home Magazine*, and gives ongoing presentations on Orange County architecture for historical societies, service clubs, and museums. He has also published a self-funded, hardback, deluxe edition book titled "Architectural Styles—Orange County," exploring the

evolution of local residential architectural styles from 1776 to modern times.

In Memory

Morris Gee

Prior to this article going to publication Mr. Gee passed away.

One of the things Morris Gee was known for was his willingness to be available on short notice to accomplish exam activities—as little as one day, in fact.

What's more, while being treated for a rare blood disease, Gee would reschedule his blood transfusion appointments so that he could participate in special projects for the examination.

Gee said that he was "blessed with bosses who allowed him the freedom to meet his volunteer schedule." He also said that he volunteered because it was important to give back to the California Architects Board for what the Board had done for him.

Gee had a broad range of experience in all phases of the supplemental examinations. Since 1993, he had contributed more than 1,000 hours of volunteer time to the supplemental examination activities. Throughout the examination development process, Gee was often called upon by his fellow Item Writing Committee members to resolve questions related to health facilities projects, as his background included more than two decades of architectural experience at the UC Davis Medical Center. As an accessibility architect for the Sutter Health system, Gee collected survey information that helped Sutter's disability advocates make corrections to its facilities for compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. His expertise and continued involvement in all facets of the examination process greatly contributed to the consistency and high quality of the examination.

He believed it was important to impart to aspiring architects that the Board is there to help them, and showed

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New CSE in 2011

Eligibility and Scheduling

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Like before, once a candidate has completed all of the requisite requirements for the CSE (eight years of education and/or work experience; completion of Intern Development Program and Comprehensive Intern Development Program, if applicable; and completion of all Architect Registration Examination divisions), a CSE application is mailed to the candidate. When the completed application and \$100 payment have been returned and processed by the Board, the candidate's eligibility information will be sent to the Board's new examination vendor, PSI (www.psiexams.com). PSI will then mail the candidate a CSE handbook, which will also serve as their official Notice of Eligibility. Please note that candidates may not schedule the CSE until they are eligible and in receipt of the handbook.

Within the handbook, candidates will be provided with detailed scheduling procedures (which will include scheduling by telephone or online) and information on examination site locations, reporting to the site, taking the examination by computer, reference materials, the Test Plan, etc. There will be 13 PSI examination site locations within California and 10 additional locations out of state. Candidates will be able to schedule an examination at a location of their choice during normal working hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and operating hours on Saturday, except holidays.

California sites include: Anaheim, Atascadero, Bakersfield, Carson, El Monte, Fresno, Hayward, Redding, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, Santa Clara, and Santa Rosa. Out of state sites include: Albuquerque, NM; Atlanta, GA; Boston, MA; Charlotte, NC; Cranberry Township, PA; Houston, TX; Las Vegas, NV; Portland, OR; Southfield (Detroit area), MI; and West Des Moines, IA.

Examination Results

Examination results will be mailed to the candidate approximately 30 days after the examination. If the candidate passes the CSE, an Application for Licensure is mailed to the candidate with the examination results. Candidates who don't pass the CSE must wait six months before they can retake the examination, and must submit a new CSE application and \$100 payment for each retake.

The Board looks forward to this important CSE format transition in 2011, as it will expand capacity to serve candidates.

Again, candidates should periodically check the Board's Web site for any updates regarding the new CSE.

them what they really needed to have to not only pass the exam, but be successful in the field. Plus, he said he found himself learning more each time from the process.

Gee discovered his interest for creating, drawing, and designing in the fourth grade. When asked what his biggest career accomplishment was, he pointed to his time as an architecture student at the University at California, Berkeley, studying environmental design: “The fact that the university provided an atmosphere to achieve my chosen profession and showed me what architecture really was—not just drawing, but managing what you are doing, from keeping all the parties happy to complying with outside agencies.”

His volunteerism included serving as a CSE Commissioner and Master Commissioner, CSE Test Plan Committee member, CSE Item Writing Committee member, CSE Commissioner Review and Item Writing member, as well as CSE Pilot Testing member.

He was a former president of the American Institute of Architects’ California Council and Central Valley Chapter, and served in many capacities in the Construction Specifications Institute and the California Society for Healthcare Engineering.

Larry Segrue

Larry Segrue says he has been interested in the design and building of structures since he was a youngster.

He began his college studies in engineering, but realized that he wanted to be involved in the complete process, so he transferred to the University of Oregon and earned a Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch) degree. After working in Oregon for a few years, he returned to the Central Valley—where he was born and raised.

After working for firms in Bakersfield and Fresno, he moved to Visalia where he

joined Octagon Associates and became a partner. His project specialties included public-funded housing, university projects and governmental facilities prior to forming his own firm.

Although now retired, his firm (Lawrence P. Segrue, FAIA – Architect-Consultant) specialized in public-funded housing, university work, and governmental facilities. He followed his general practice work with consulting projects with other architects and governmental agencies including the California Architects Board (CAB).

“I believe the most satisfying aspect of my work has come from the users of the rural senior housing projects,” he says. “To see their pride in their living accommodations and how grateful they are is very humbling and rewarding. All of the other positions and awards I’ve been fortunate enough to have been a part of do not hold a candle to that.”

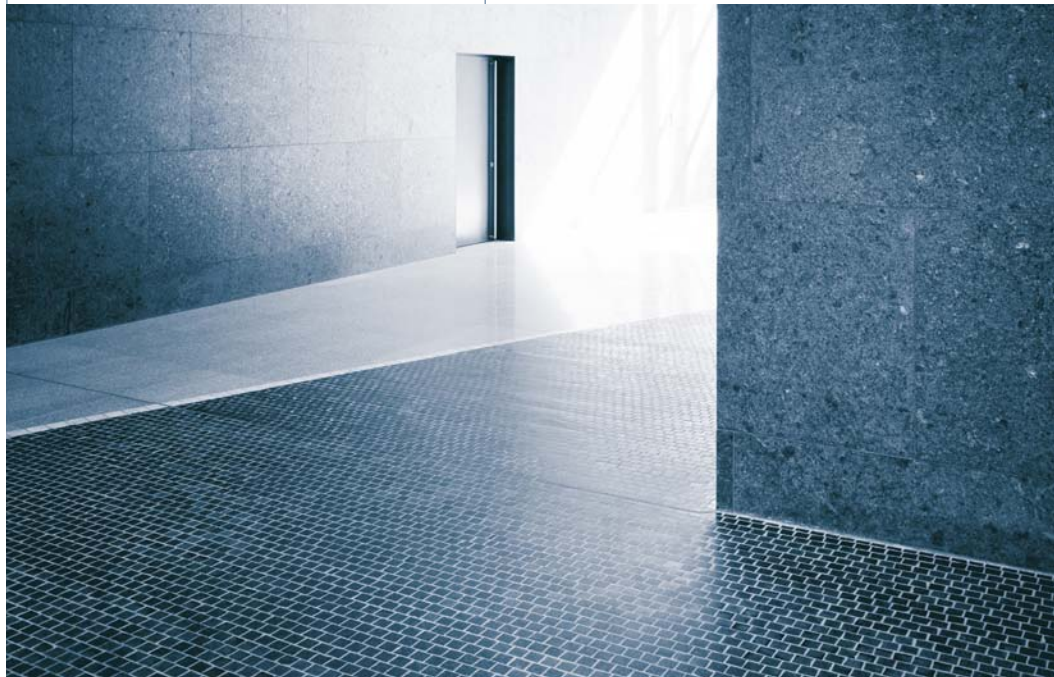
Segrue believes it is important that the public and the clientele of architects have confidence in the profession and can rely on the qualifications of licensees. “The CAB provides a measure of that with the licensing requirements

and with its enforcement capabilities,” he says.

That passion has fueled his activities with the CAB since 1980, involvement which includes review, critique, and grading of the Architect Registration Examination as well as the development of the criteria and questions for the California Architect Licensing Exam. He also served as a commissioner for the supplemental exam, and later as a consultant to the Board, and subsequently served on several committees. He continues to serve on the Regulatory and Enforcement Committee.

His volunteerism doesn’t stop with the Board. He also serves as Chair of the Visalia Planning Commission and is active in the development of the city’s updated General Plan.

“The Board’s work with the architectural profession, construction industry, and the building-planning agencies throughout the State provides a level of awareness that would not be recognized otherwise,” he says. “Architects who volunteer for the Board bring a deep-seated concern and love for the profession and practice of architecture.”





Kenneth J. Naylor, AIA, LEED AP, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was installed as President of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) at its 91st Annual Meeting and Conference in San Francisco. He was asked a series of questions and gave an overview of his goals and action items for his term. Over the past two years, Naylor has served as NCARB's Second Vice President and then First Vice President/President-elect. He was elected to NCARB's Board of Directors as the Director of Region 6 (which includes Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Washington) from 2006 to 2009.

1. IDP 2.0 is being viewed by many as a positive change to the structured internship. Being online, more flexible, and tied to the Practice Analysis are all positive developments. What might IDP 3.0 look like? Will evidence play a stronger role?

IDP 2.0 continues to be very successful both for the Council and for those interns who are participating. And it will continue to get better. We are very proud of the program and of the improved way in which the emerging professional community interfaces with us and us with them. As you are aware, IDP 2.0 is being released in phases that began in July 2009, with the final

phase of the program launching in fall 2011. IDP 2.0 has been linked to the 2007 Practice Analysis of Architecture—the first time the Practice Analysis has been used to improve the internship experience. This suggests that upcoming versions of IDP, possibly IDP 3.0, will modify in direct response to the 2012 Practice Analysis. It is the Council's intent to ensure that the program remains relevant to current practice as defined regularly through all future Practice Analyses.

We have noted the California CIDP program and your experience with it. We recognize that a program that requires evidence of competency was an interesting concept to implement and study. "Evidence," as I have interpreted your question means demonstrated competency in the specific IDP training areas. The IDP is an evidence-based program. It has always promoted an engaged supervisor/intern relationship where the supervisor has the opportunity to dialogue with the intern and ascertain whether or not the intern has accomplished the expected educational outcome while working through the current 16 training areas prior to initial licensure. The IDP Supervisor should determine whether or not the intern has competently performed each task, and has therefore gained the required experience, i.e. developed the competency.

Reminders

Candidates

- » Don't post examination content: It's wrong and illegal. Don't take the risk—exercise good judgment when using online forums and blogs.
- » Architect Registration Examination (ARE) divisions began expiring January 1, 2011, because of the ARE "Rolling Clock."
- » The California Supplemental Examination changes format in 2011.

Licensees

- » 2011 is the year to renew.
- » Five hours of coursework in disability access requirements are needed.

2. Online forums are creating a security problem for licensing examinations. Can you share what NCARB is doing to address that challenge? Does it appear that the number of security breaches is diminishing?

NCARB has implemented discovery and tracking procedures for both online and printed confidentiality threats. NCARB diligently monitors Internet forums, blogs, social media outlets and other potential communication streams. When possible breaches are discovered, we have protocols in place to request removal of the content, to identify the offending party and to



forward offenders to NCARB's Committee on Professional Conduct. Also, the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE) Committee has begun the hard work of replacing the exam content lost through inappropriate disclosure.

Yes, it does appear that the number of breaches has diminished on certain online forums. NCARB's outreach to examination candidates has prompted what appears to be better self-monitoring by online forum participants. However, NCARB will continue to be diligent in protecting the integrity and validity of the ARE.

3. Licensing boards in California are under increased scrutiny regarding their enforcement programs. What is and will NCARB do to help member boards meet their statutory consumer protection mandates?

We take very seriously our mission to assist our member boards in protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare. We work hard to assist and support our member boards by providing important services such as: establishing standards for the education, internship, and examination of future architects; certifying a licensed architect's credentials and transmitting them for reciprocal registration; and maintaining the disciplinary database so that boards such as California can determine the disciplinary status of any of its current or future registrants. Once a board has disciplined an architect for an infraction, if that person is a certificate holder they are then subject to further scrutiny by the NCARB Committee on Professional Conduct which could result in loss of certification. In addition, NCARB's legal counsel is always available to both our member boards and their legal counsel for consultation. Many of the regular meetings which NCARB provides funding for such as the spring Regional Meetings, the Annual Meeting & Conference, and the triennial Member Board Chairs

Conference, include programs to inform and update our member board members on regulatory and disciplinary issues.

4. There is ongoing concern about the future of the profession. What is NCARB's view as to its role in attracting young people in architecture and fostering their matriculation toward licensure?

As a federation of state regulatory agencies, NCARB's main focus is to ensure for our member boards that the standards future architects have to meet confirm their ability to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare upon licensure. Unlike the American Institute of Architects (AIA), NCARB's mandate is not to advocate for the advancement of the profession; however NCARB does provide a considerable number of outreach programs to fully inform those who want to become architects regarding the requirements, rigor, and value of architectural licensing and certification. NCARB, through its programs and extensive outreach, is continually informing future architects to help them "stay the course" through (IDP) and the ARE,[®] and have also made significant recent changes to allow progress on IDP while unemployed. We will continue to work on improvements to our programs to encourage those pursuing a career in architecture to become licensed.





CALGreen: Groundbreaking eco-friendly building codes take effect

The 2010 California Green Building Standards Code, referred to as CALGreen, went into effect January 1, 2011. CALGreen is the first-in-the-nation statewide mandatory green building code. The new mandatory measures set sensible minimum standards that all new structures can realize to significantly minimize the effect buildings have on the environment.

California will now require new buildings to reduce water consumption, employ building commissioning to increase building system efficiencies, divert construction waste from landfills, and to install low pollutant-emitting finish materials. These provisions establish the minimum of green construction practices and incorporate environmentally-responsible buildings into the everyday fabric of California communities.

CALGreen has approximately 50 mandatory measures and an additional 130 provisions. Some mandatory measures for commercial occupancies include specified parking for clean-air vehicles, a 20 percent reduction of potable water use within buildings, a 50 percent construction waste diversion from landfills, use of building finish materials that emit low volatile organic compounds, and building commissioning. Nonresidential measures include increased reduction in energy usage by 15 or 30 percent and increased reduction in potable water use, parking for clean-air vehicles, cool roofs, construction waste diversion, use of recycled materials, and use of low-emitting resilient flooring and thermal insulation. Optional measures include cool roofs, performance and prescriptive energy measures, increased reduction in landscape potable water irrigation, and building flush out prior to occupancy.

A key component of CALGreen is a two-tiered system that allows local jurisdictions to adopt codes that go beyond the state mandatory provisions. The adopted codes then fall under the local building department's inspection process. CALGreen also addresses the critical issue of compliance verification by utilizing the existing building code enforcement infrastructure; public agencies will incorporate the code provisions into their construction field inspections. The mandatory CALGreen measures will be inspected and verified by local building departments.

In an effort to assist with the implementation of CALGreen, the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) is taking advantage of existing training programs within the building industry, developing educational materials and program curriculum, and working toward partnerships with stakeholder organizations.

For more information, visit the Web sites for the CBSC (www.bsc.ca.gov) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (www.hcd.ca.gov).



Enforcement Actions

CAB is responsible for receiving and investigating complaints against licensees and unlicensed persons. CAB also retains the authority to make final decisions on all enforcement actions taken against its licensees.

Included below is a brief description of recent enforcement actions taken by CAB against individuals who were found to be in violation of the Architects Practice Act.

Every effort is made to ensure the following information is correct. Before making any decision based upon this information, you should contact CAB. Further information on specific violations may also be obtained by contacting the Board's Enforcement Unit at 916.575.7208.

CITATIONS

ALIREZA AMIRI (Aliso Viejo) The Board issued a two-count administrative citation that included a \$1,000 civil penalty to Alireza Amiri, architect license number C-17378, for alleged violations of Business and Professions Code (BPC) sections 5536.22(a)(3) and (5) (Written Contract) and 5584 (Negligence). The action alleged that Amiri (A+K Architects) entered into a written contract to provide architectural and engineering services for a new residence located in Big Bear Lake, California. A+K Architects was a partnership between Amiri and an unlicensed person. The written contract stated that Amiri would be the Principal-in-Charge of the project; Amiri was the signatory on the contract for A+K Architects. The contract did not contain Amiri's architect license number and the description of the procedure that the architect and the client would use to terminate the written contract. A Dissolution Agreement of A+K Architects was entered by and between Amiri and the unlicensed person, where it was agreed that the project would be the responsibility of the unlicensed person. Amiri abandoned the project and failed to inform the client that he was no longer the architect of record for the project and a new contract with the client was not initiated. Amiri paid the civil penalty, satisfying the citation. The citation became final on April 6, 2010.

ARUN K. BISESSAR (Sacramento) The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$2,500 civil penalty to Arun K. Bisessar, an unlicensed individual, for alleged violations

of BPC sections 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect) and 5536.1(c) (Unauthorized Practice). The action alleged that Bisessar provided architectural services for a proposed 6,000-square-foot retail shop (commercial building) located in Sacramento, California. Bisessar prepared preliminary architectural drawings for the project. Since the project in this case did not satisfy the criteria for an exempt project type as defined in BPC section 5537, it was a nonexempt project type and required a licensed design professional for preparation of plans, drawings, or specifications. The citation became final on February 1, 2010.

RYAN BLACKMAN (Los Angeles) The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$2,500 civil penalty to Ryan Blackman, an unlicensed individual, for an alleged violation of BPC section 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect). The action alleged that Blackman advertised/offered "architectural" services for residential/commercial remodels and additions on the Web site, www.losangeles.craigslist.org. Blackman's offering of "architectural" services on the Internet is a device that indicates to the public that he is an architect or qualified to engage in the practice of architecture. In a previous complaint in 2007, Blackman had a similar advertisement on Craigslist and was advised that as an unlicensed individual, he was prohibited from practicing architecture in this state or from using any term confusingly similar to the word architect, or from advertising or putting out any sign or card or other device which might indicate to the public that he is an architect or that

he is qualified to engage in the practice of architecture. The citation became final on April 27, 2010.

AMIR I. AMIRFAR (Irvine) The Board issued a two-count administrative citation that included a \$5,000 civil penalty to Amir I. Amirfar, an unlicensed individual, dba Amir Amirfar & Associates, Inc., for alleged violations of BPC section 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect). The action alleged that Amirfar's Web site offered "Architectural Services" and stated that "the design team is made up of Architects, Structural Engineers, Mechanical/Electrical; Plumbing Engineers, Quality Control Engineers, Landscape Architects and Construction Management staff." The action also alleged that Amirfar was listed in a service provider directory under a listing titled "Architects" which stated that he offered "Architectural Design." The citation became final on January 13, 2009.

CYNTHIA S. BLAIR (San Diego) The Board issued a two-count administrative citation that included a \$1,500 civil penalty to Cynthia S. Blair, architect license number C-13199, for alleged violations of BPC sections 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect) and 5536.1(b) (Signature and Stamp on Plans and Documents; Unauthorized Practice). The action alleged that while Blair's license was expired, she affixed her architect's stamp to plans. Blair's stamp was also noncompliant since it contained only the word "California" and did not provide a renewal date of the license. Blair paid the civil penalty satisfying the citation. The citation became final on June 1, 2010.

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THOMAS ALLAN

BOUFFARD (Vacaville) The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$500 civil penalty to Thomas Allan Bouffard, architect license number C-24633, for an alleged violation of BPC section 5577 (Conviction of Crimes Substantially Related to the Qualifications, Functions or Duties of an Architect). The action alleged that Bouffard pled guilty to United States Code Section 7201 (Attempt to Evade and Defeat Tax). Bouffard paid the civil penalty, satisfying the citation. The citation became final on February 11, 2010.

STEPHANIE BRASHER

(Las Vegas, NV) The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$2,500 civil penalty to Stephanie Brasher, an unlicensed individual, for an alleged violation of BPC section 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect). The action alleged that Brasher executed a proposal for professional services offering to provide final design development and complete construction documents for two separate apartment buildings located in Studio City, California. Brasher's proposal agreed to provide the "Architectural" plans. Since the project in this case did not satisfy the criteria for an exempt project type as defined in BPC section 5537, it was a nonexempt project type and required a licensed design professional for preparation of plans, drawings, or specifications. The citation became final on January 6, 2010.

BILL BROBISKY (Concord) The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$2,500 civil penalty to Bill Brobisky, an unlicensed individual, for an alleged violation of BPC section 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect). The action alleged that Brobisky had a listing under the "Architects" heading in the January 2008 and January 2009 Contra Costa County AT&T Real Yellow Pages telephone directories. The listings state "Brobisky Bill Residential Architecture." The citation became final on October 27, 2009.

MICHAEL GERALD

DHANENS (Bakersfield) The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$1,000 civil penalty to Michael Gerald Dhanens, architect license number C-18790, for an alleged violation of BPC section 5584 (Willful Misconduct). The action alleged that Dhanens entered into a contract to provide architectural and engineering services on his client's project located in Taft, California. An engineering company entered into an agreement with Dhanens to provide geotechnical investigation services (Geotechnical Report) to Dhanens on his client's project. Dhanens was paid by his client for the Geotechnical Report; however, Dhanens did not pay the engineering company for their services and did not contact them to resolve the nonpayment of fees owed. Respondent's failure to compensate his consultant in this matter was deemed to be willful misconduct. The citation became final on June 3, 2010.

NEAL J. FRANDSEN

(Sacramento) The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$500 civil penalty to Neal J. Frandsen, architect license number C-12244, for an alleged violation of BPC section 5536.22(a) (Written Contract). The action alleged that Frandsen failed to execute a written contract with his client for a storefront design on a proposed building in Sacramento, California. The citation became final on April 12, 2010.

GERAR GHARAKANIAN

(Glendale) The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$2,500 civil penalty to Gerar Gharakanian, an unlicensed individual, for an alleged violation of BPC section 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect). The action alleged that Gharakanian offered "Architectural Design" services on the Web site www.losangeles.craigslist.org. Gharakanian's offering of "Architectural" services on the Internet is a device that indicates to the public that he is an architect or qualified to engage in the practice of architecture. In 2004, the Board received a complaint and a copy of

Gharakanian's title block, which stated "Architectural designer," above his name. At that time, the Board advised Gharakanian, that as an unlicensed individual, he is prohibited from using the word "Architectural" in any business devise, pursuant to BPC section 5536(a). The citation became final on March 4, 2010.

TWEN MA (Bradbury)

The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$500 civil penalty to Twen Ma, architect license number C-16815, for an alleged violation of BPC section 5584 (Negligence). The action alleged that Ma entered into a written contract to provide professional architectural services for the design of a three-story eight-unit apartment building located in Los Angeles, California. According to the written contract, under "Target Design Phase Time Projection," the plan check application and building permit would be issued by April 2002. On or about October 3, 2002, plans were submitted to the City of Los Angeles Building Department for plan check review. On or about October 30, 2002, plan check corrections were issued. On or about April 28, 2004, Ma submitted a revised version of the plans to the City of Los Angeles Building Department for plan check. As of December 27, 2007, Ma had not completed the plan check corrections, and resubmitted the plans for permit. Ma failed to meet the professional standard of care by not preparing a complete set of construction documents capable of satisfying the City of Los Angeles plan check requirements and in accordance with the written contract. Ma paid the civil penalty, satisfying the citation. The citation became final on October 28, 2009.

CARL MALETIC (Carmichael)

The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$1,000 civil penalty to Carl Maletic, architect license number C-24044, for an alleged violation of BPC section 5585 (Incompetency). The action alleged that Maletic executed a written contract to provide architectural services for a remodel of a single-family dwelling located in San Mateo, California. Maletic submitted plans to the City of San Mateo

Building Department for plan check. On or about October 4, 2006, the City of San Mateo mailed Maletic plan check comments. On or about November 28, 2006, Maletic submitted revised plans to the City of San Mateo. On or about December 18, 2006, the City of San Mateo mailed Maletic plan check comments. On or about January 26, 2007, Maletic resubmitted revised plans to the City of San Mateo. On or about February 8, 2007, the City of San Mateo mailed Maletic plan check comments. In an e-mail dated April 25, 2007, the City of San Mateo advised the client that Maletic had not contacted the City or resubmitted revised plans. Maletic failed to meet the professional standard of care by not preparing or completing construction documents capable of satisfying the City of San Mateo plan check requirements. The citation became final on March 24, 2010.

BRUCE CAMERON MCVAY (Long Beach) The Board issued a three-count administrative citation that included a \$2,500 civil penalty to Bruce Cameron McVay, architect license number C-11870, for alleged violations of BPC sections 5536.1(b) (Signature on Plans and Documents), 5536.22(a) (Written Contract) and 5584 (Willful Misconduct). The action alleged that McVay executed a written contract/association with an unlicensed person (Opus Architecture), whereby McVay would provide responsible control over the instruments of service for a tenant improvement project located in Torrance, California. Construction documents were submitted for the project to the City of Torrance for a building permit. The title block on the permitted set of construction documents submitted to the City of Torrance and provided to the Board shows the unlicensed person's firm name as "Opus Architecture." McVay provided the Board with a copy of the permitted set of construction documents, which is the same in every respect as the copy submitted to the City of Torrance. However, on McVay's set the firm name on the title block was altered/modified to state "OPUS Design." McVay admitted that the drawings that he signed and stamped in order to obtain a permit from the City of Torrance had the

"Opus Architecture" title block on them. McVay's architect stamp on the construction documents bear the legend "registered architect" instead of the required "licensed architect."

McVay made a verbal agreement for the completion of construction documents for a second story addition to a single-family residence located in Fountain Valley, California. McVay received \$1,500 for an initial payment, and received \$1,500 for the completion of documents ready for submittal to the Building Department. McVay invoiced his client for professional services rendered (on site meeting) and for blueprints. McVay prepared and provided his client with a set of construction documents for plan check to the City of Fountain Valley. McVay failed to execute a written contract with the client, as required by BPC section 5536.22(a). McVay paid the civil penalty, satisfying the citation. The citation became final on April 12, 2010.

NORRIS J. MITCHELL (Mountain House) The Board issued a two-count administrative citation that included a \$5,000 civil penalty to Norris J. Mitchell, an unlicensed individual, for alleged violations of BPC sections 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect) and 5536.1(c) (Unauthorized Practice). The action alleged that Mitchell executed an agreement offering to provide design services for a commercial project located in Sacramento, California. He also prepared design and construction documents for this commercial project. Since the project in this case did not satisfy the criteria for an exempt project type as defined in BPC section 5537, it was a nonexempt project type and required a licensed design professional for preparation of plans, drawings, or specifications. The citation became final on October 2, 2009.

OKEY OKONKWO (Los Angeles) The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$500 civil penalty to Okey Okonkwo, an unlicensed individual, for an alleged violation of BPC section 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect). The action alleged that Okonkwo entered into a contract offering to provide architectural and engineering plans

for a six-unit apartment project for the property located in Inglewood, California. Since the project in this case did not satisfy the criteria for an exempt project type as defined in BPC section 5537, it was a nonexempt project type and required a licensed design professional for preparation of plans, drawings, or specifications. The citation became final on April 19, 2010.

LUCIO SANTILLAN (Bellflower) The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$1,500 civil penalty to Lucio Santillan, an unlicensed individual, for an alleged violation of BPC section 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect). The action alleged that Santillan offered to provide "architectural" design services for a residential project located in Los Angeles, California. Santillan was paid \$1,500 to initiate the project. The citation became final on June 3, 2010.

MICHAEL SPAULDING (Phelan) The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$2,500 civil penalty to Michael Spaulding, dba High Desert Country Store, an unlicensed individual, for an alleged violation of BPC section 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect). The action alleged that Spaulding put out a brochure which contained his name and stated that he provides "Architectural Design Consulting." The citation became final on June 9, 2010.

GEORGE SUMNEY (Fontana) The Board issued a one-count administrative citation that included a \$2,500 civil penalty to George Sumney (TEKPE and Associates), an unlicensed individual, for an alleged violation of BPC section 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect). The action alleged that Sumney (TEKPE & Associates), was listed under the "Architects" heading in the 2008-2009 Fontana Yellow Book listing. Also, an Internet search revealed a LinkedIn profile (www.linkedin.com) where Sumney and his company were listed as part of the "Architecture & Planning Industry." In a previous complaint in 2006, Sumney was issued an administrative citation for similar violations of BPC section 5536(a). The citation became final on February 8, 2010.

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